

# Generator

Generator is a combination of artist studios, classroom, and business incubator at the intersection of art, science, and technology. We provide tools, expertise, education, and opportunity – to enable all members of our community to create, collaborate, and to make their ideas reality.

## One Year in Burlington's South End

2017 saw dramatic changes for Generator with the successful completion of our \$380,000 capital campaign and move to our beautiful new 8500 sq.ft. home on Sear's Lane. In 2017, since reopening on January 2nd, Generator welcomed over 400 members.



**80** free community meet-ups and workshops in 2017



**932** people benefited from Generator classes

**8** Vermont businesses launched  
21 new jobs

**420** members in 2017

**192** skill building classes serving over 606 learners in 2017

**\$19,800** in tool training and membership scholarships benefiting 42 individuals in 2017

**300+** attendees of the free Big Maker lecture series

**22** "Maker-in-residence" graduates

**362** entrepreneurs participated in six-part, Launch VT collaboration, free public lectures

**97%** of Burlington Middle School students participate in Maker in the Classroom

**27** businesses currently utilizing Generator tools, skills education, and community

**31** non-profit partners



**90** middle and highschool teachers and staff at Create, Make, Learn at Generator



We believe in the power of human creativity, innovation and imagination. Generator is a safe, inclusive, sustainable, and energetic environment which nurtures collaboration, idea exchange and the education of all those it supports.

As a member-driven space for creativity and fabrication, Generator operates an open work environment organized around six shops: rapid prototyping, electronics, jewelry, woodworking and metal working, surrounded by common build spaces, leasable studios and a Learning Lab with design workstations.

*Highlighted Success Stories:*

**Pinbox 3000, The Cardboard Teck Instantute**



Pete Talbot and Ben t. Matchstick were winners of Generator's Maker-In-Residence program in 2015. They went on to win President Obama's 2016 Maker Faire Award. The Pinbox 3000 cardboard tabletop pinball machine prototypes were made

possible through the use of the laser cutter at Generator. They have now manufactured and sold over 10,000 die-cut PinBox 3000 kits and raised over \$120,000 through crowdfunding campaigns in order to push the Pinbox 3000 to market.

**Somali Sewing Guild**



10 Somali Bantu Women participated in Generator's, Somali Sewing Guild. The women took six sewing classes underwritten by Generator and the nonprofit Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity. Each woman received a sewing machine and a starter kit.

**Alixandra Barron Designs**



Alix Klein was one of the first volunteer members at Generator. She started using the laser cutter to produce her jewelry designs using recycled bicycle inner tubes. She now has 40+ wholesale accounts across the country.

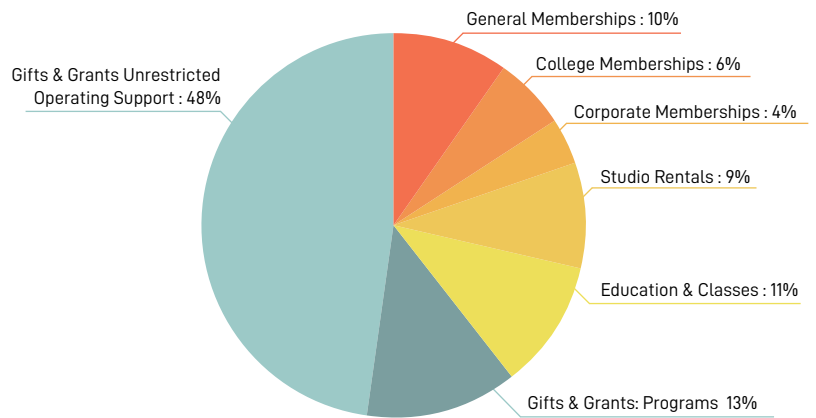
**Annual Operating Revenues & Expenditures**

Year Ending December 31, 2017

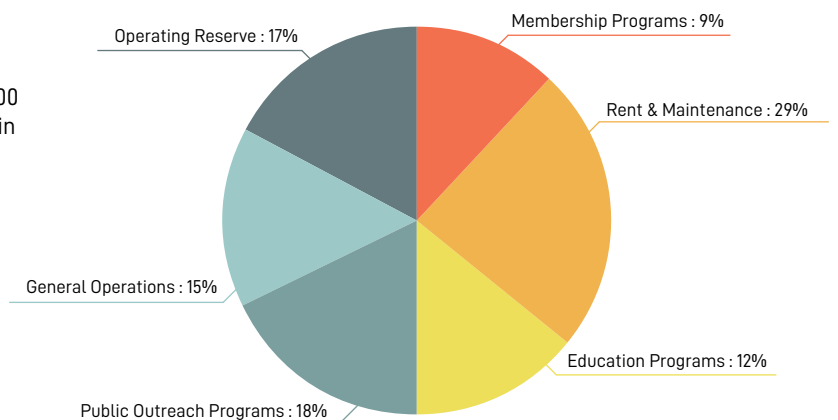
*Capital Campaign & New Space Buildout Excluded*

**Total Sources : \$521,700**

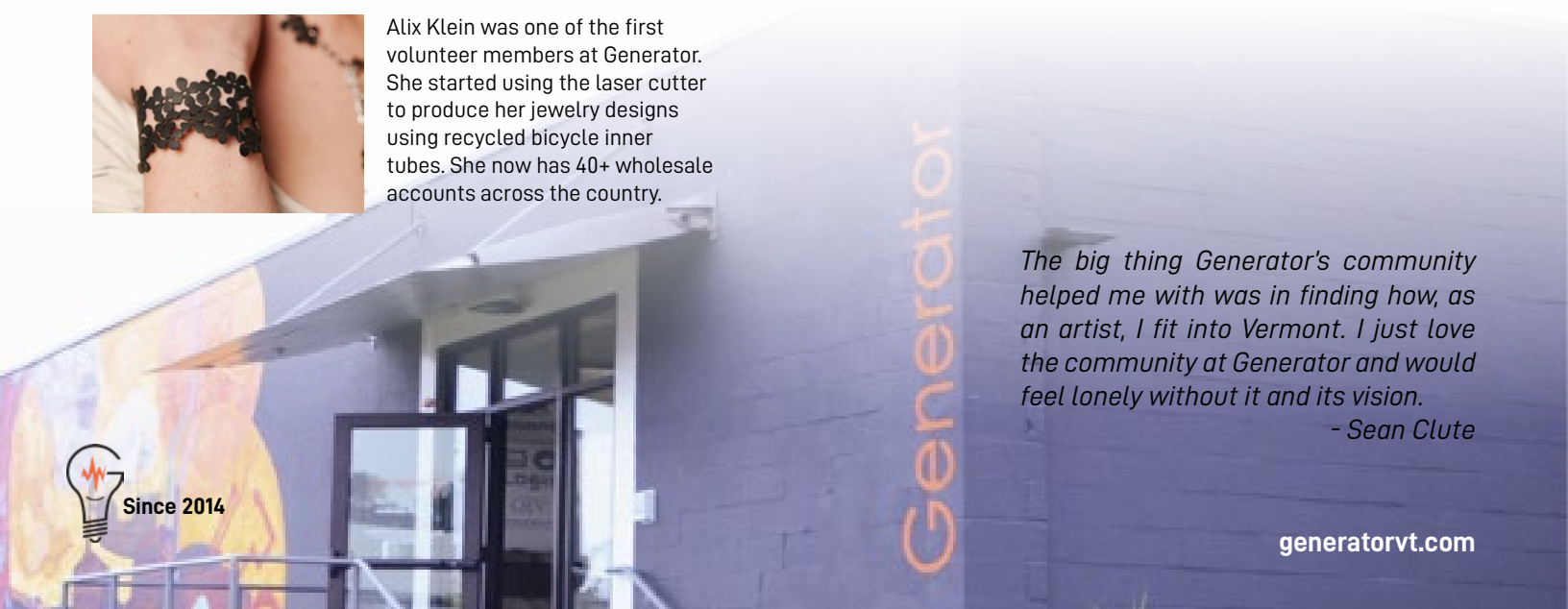
Earned Income 39% ■  
Contributed Income 61% ■



**Total Uses : \$521,700**



Scholarships & Supplements : \$136,900  
*Members currently pay 55% of the cost of membership*



*The big thing Generator's community helped me with was in finding how, as an artist, I fit into Vermont. I just love the community at Generator and would feel lonely without it and its vision.*

*- Sean Clute*